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"WE HARDLY KNEW EACH OTHER BUT WE FELL IN LOVE...AS SOON AS THE WEDDING WAS OVER HE TOOK ME TO HIS YACHT...WAS I TO BE A WIFE.. OR THE
Captain's Mate

"Unsure Of Himself"

"Below My Standards"

Plus Other Stories Of Thrilling Love!

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GAIN WEIGHT!

STOP BEING SKINNY AND TIRED!

Amazing Scientific Plan Adds New Attractive Pounds and Inches

AS FAST AS YOU WANT . . . OR YOU PAY NOTHING!

START GAINING WEIGHT TODAY . . . AND KEEP ON GAINING HEALTHY POUNDS AND INCHES!

Don't be skinny . . . Put on pounds and inches of new, attractive flesh . . . and feel like a new person. *Vitatone* Tonic and Appetite Stimulant is an amazing Scientific Formulation for easier weight gains. It helps you gain pound after pound, which makes your figure better looking . . . while you eat the foods you choose. It peps up Vitamin deficient *Appetites* . . . automatically you gain weight without conscious effort. And at the same time, you lose that "tired feeling," have more resistance, sleep better at night. If you are skinny and tired because of poor appetite or poor eating habits . . . this medically safe, easy way helps you gain energy faster, and puts on pounds and inches of new weight, for a shapelier figure.

NOW YOU CAN LOOK BETTER . . . HAVE A HEALTHIER, MORE ROBUST FIGURE!

Vitatone is entirely safe, contains no drugs, no stimulants, but is a medically scientific Concentrated Food Formula that's EXTRA RICH in easier to assimilate calories, fortified with other proven weight building elements. Many underweight people have smaller than normal stomachs. Half-way through a meal, they're full . . . can eat no more. *Vitatone* is more than a meal. Yes, each daily supply of *Vitatone* is as rich in calories as many a skinny person's regular full meal.

ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL YET SAFE WEIGHT GAINING FORMULAS THAT HAS EVER BEEN OFFERED!

Vitatone's 10-in-1 Formula is like a Doctor's Prescription . . . Special care was taken to formulate it so that it was wonderfully tasting. It was prepared so as to be approved and recommended for use by men, women, and even young children.

THESE ARE THE PLACES ON YOUR BODY WHERE YOU TEND TO BE UNDERWEIGHT

Cheeks
Arms
Thighs
Legs
Hips
Calves

BE APPEALING—HAVE SELF-CONFIDENCE

If you are skinny and embarrassed when you undress because of scrawny body, thighs, arms and legs . . . Now you may be able to quickly put on more attractive pounds and inches so fast it will amaze you . . . *Vitatone* is developed by Men of Medical Science . . . a delicious weight adding formula, jam-packed with wonder calories to help your body gain good-looking flesh automatically, wherever you need it . . . on face, neck, arms, legs and ankles . . . Almost like magic, skinny "broomstick" figures fill out all over the body into a beautiful "new look" that wins popularity! Concentrated *Vitatone* stimulates Vitamin Deficient appetites . . . New Pep, Vigor and Vitality.

IMPORTANT: Forget everything you have ever heard about weight gaining products before today! Don't confuse *Vitatone* with any other formula you have ever seen, heard of, or tried. *Vitatone* is a medically researched product. A weight gaining wonder formula unlike anything ever released *without a Doctor's Prescription!* And here is the overwhelming proof! When you use *Vitatone* concentrated 10-in-1 Formula to add weight . . . you will be among the fortunate men and women who experienced incredible weight gains . . . after every other weight gaining method failed them.

No other product can claim all these amazing weight gaining and health giving ingredients.

HOW VITATONE WORKS TO GIVE YOU NEW ATTRACTIVE POUNDS AND INCHES . .

Here is the actual formula* . . . The amazingly safe, tested, way to gain weight. The method you may have heard about . . . now ready for sale *without a Doctor's Prescription.*

Concentrated 10-in-1 Weight Gaining Formula Contains:

1. Ammoniated, DCA (Dicalcium Phosphate Anhydrous)—When you take concentrated *Vitatone*, this mineral ingredient will build body tissue, strong bones and supply your body with two needed *minerals* of Human Nutrition.

2. Enriched B-12 . . . Called the sensational growth vitamin, this is the world famous "red vitamin" doctors prescribe to build healthy robust appetites . . . has a remarkable ability . . . proven in clinical tests on children to cause weight and growth gains.

3. Special Iron (From Ferrous Sulfate) . . . Helps correct iron deficiency anemia, which makes you feel tired, listless, and run down. Helps rich, red blood for added pep, and energy too.

4. Stimulating B-1 . . . Two average doses of Concentrated *Vitatone* contain four times the minimum daily requirement of Vitamin B-1 . . . An appetite building vitamin that increases your desire for food . . . helps you relish your meals, and look forward to dinnertime with happy anticipation.

5. (Calciferol) Vitamin D . . . A proven high concentrate vitamin which helps you build strong bones . . . A proven aid in keeping your teeth in good condition as well.

Nine Other Ingredients . . . making concentrated 10-in-1 *Vitatone* Formula one of the greatest weight building products ever developed! Loaded with super-calories that help you put on pounds and inches of good-looking flesh, easily and pleasantly.

RELEASED . . . WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION

Used successfully by thousands of Doctors. You can now gain, new, attractive pounds as quickly, easily, as safely that your friends will be amazed. Yes, you can do this without cramming with heavy foods, fatty oils, drugs or dangerous overeating.

The ingredients in *Vitatone* were tested by Doctors on underweight men, women and children of all ages around the blood effective.

HELPS YOU ENJOY NEW ENERGY AND A ZEST FOR LIFE WHILE YOU ADD WEIGHT!

It is very rare that a Weight Gaining Formula offers an underweight person the opportunity to maintain a vigorous, alert appearance, enjoy sound sleep and have a good sense of well being . . . when they are in the process of gaining the needed pounds and inches they so much desire. You will, we feel, thank us a thousand times for telling you about *Vitatone*, the most amazing Weight Gaining Formula Ever Developed.

GUARANTEE

Except as authorized, only Vitatone Concentrated Weight Gaining Formula contains 10-in-1 ingredients, including DCA, approved for sale without a Doctor's Prescription.

Only VITATONE Concentrated Formula is labeled by the Good Advertising Bureau to the Better Bureau of Weight Building.

If you are not completely satisfied that VITATONE is helping you gain wonderful pounds and inches quickly and easily, just return the rest from the VITATONE Bottle and your full purchase price will be refunded. BUT YOU KEEP YOUR VITATONE AS A GIFT! YOU ARE NOT BUYING ONLY TRYING AND IT DOESN'T COST YOU A PENNY! This Guarantee is in Effect for a Full 21 days after you receive your VITATONE FORMULA!

VITATONE HEALTH PRODUCTS

*Dicalcium Phosphate Anhydrous

THE SECRET OF THIS SAFE, DOCTORS APPROVED WEIGHT GAINING FORMULA!

The ingredients in *Vitatone* have been more thoroughly tested over a longer period of time, by more Doctors in more clinics and hospitals than many other products sold *anywhere without a Doctor's Prescription.* Doctors have proven time and time again that the wonderful ingredients in *Vitatone* are completely safe and produce no unpleasant side effects.

You may take *Vitatone* with complete confidence, content in the knowledge that the ingredients have been released for sale without prescription. It is any wonder that *Vitatone* not only helps you gain an attractive, more shapely figure, by fortifying weight maintaining meals with its concentrated ingredients . . . but also helps you put good looking flesh on face, neck, arms, hips, thighs, legs and ankles. Why be skinny . . . why let your life slip by without trying . . . No matter what you've tried, *Vitatone* is the one product that can help you! It's a shortcut to easy, safe, and pleasant weight gains. Unconditionally Money Back Guaranteed if it doesn't work for you! Yes, this is our unconditional guarantee . . . *Vitatone* must gain weight for you . . . or it won't cost you a penny!

PROOF POSITIVE

If you want to see good-looking pounds and inches of attractive weight added to your Face, Arms, Hips, Thighs, Calves . . . in every inch of your body where you are thin, then read the thrilling Medical Facts on this amazing concentrated APPROVED WEIGHT GAINING FORMULA, my "Wonder-working" Vitatone . . . Now available Without a Doctor's Prescription . . . Entirely at our expense!

Here is the astonishing answer . . . Underweight people, while actually taking Vitatone, report easy weight gains of 12 to 26 pounds!

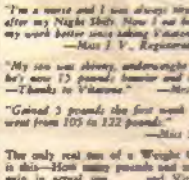
". . . Gained 26 pounds in 7 weeks . . . to me, Vitatone's the best product I've ever known."
—Mrs. A. F., Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I'm a nurse and I was always tired and worn out after my Night Shift. Now I eat better and can do my work better since taking Vitatone."
—Miss J. V., Registered Nurse, N.Y.C.

"My son was skinny, underweight and unhappy—he's now 15 pounds heavier and looks wonderful —Thanks to Vitatone." —Mrs. M. W., Texas

"Gained 3 pounds the first week . . . Since then went from 105 to 122 pounds."
—Miss S. C., California

The only real test of a Weight Gaining product is this—How many pounds and inches did people gain in actual use . . . and Vitatone holds the answer for you!



DOCTORS WRITE ON LETTERHEAD FOR CLINICAL SAMPLE

WHAT VITATONE THE "MIRACLE" WEIGHT GAINER MEANS TO YOU

UNDERWEIGHT IS NOT HEALTHY . . . HELP YOURSELF TODAY . . . DON'T STAY SKINNY!

Your doctor may have been warning you that your underweight condition can lead to fatigue, loss of sleep and low resistance. Your doctor may also tell you that underweight can make you embarrassed, sensitive and ashamed . . . That you may be feeling "gawky" and ill at ease, because you are so thin.

If you are skinny because of poor appetite or poor eating habits . . . if you feel tired out all the time . . . look pale, underfed, almost sickly, if your resistance is low and you sleep restlessly at night, then you should make up your mind to test *GENUINE CONCENTRATED VITATONE.*

If when summer comes, you're ashamed to wear a bathing suit, try this New Weight Gaining Discovery, *Concentrated Vitatone* today. You may say, "I never thought I'd be so happy on the beach. I never thought I could gain weight so easily. The *Vitatone* Tonic and Appetite stimulant Plan is just wonderful."

Take advantage of Vitatone's Special Introductory "Free Trial Offer! *Do it today!*

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MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

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Please send me the complete VITATONE WEIGHT GAINING PLAN AS MARKED BELOW:

☐ Please send me your Generous Introductory 21-Day Plan. I enclose $2.98, cash, check, or M.O. The very first bottle must help me gain weight as fast as I want, must help me to look better and feel better . . . must be delicious to take or my money will be refunded promptly and without question.

☐ I want to save $2.54. Please send me Triple Size (3 bottles) 63-Day VITATONE WEIGHT GAINING PLAN. I enclose $6.00 cash, check or M.O. and thereby receive 1 GENEROUS 21-DAY PLAN ABSOLUTELY FREE (regular price $8.54). Same absolute money back guarantee.

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ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

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ALL ORDERS RUSHED IN PLAIN WRAPPER

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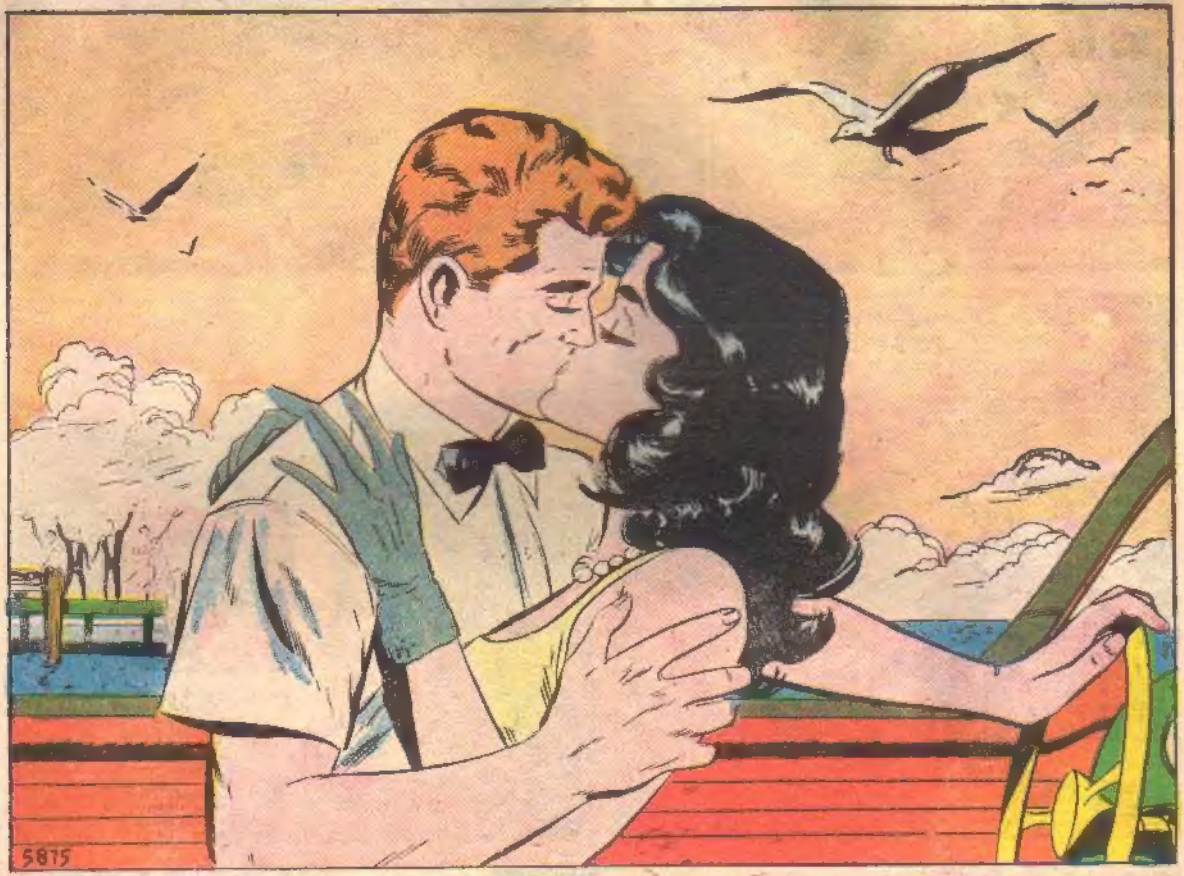
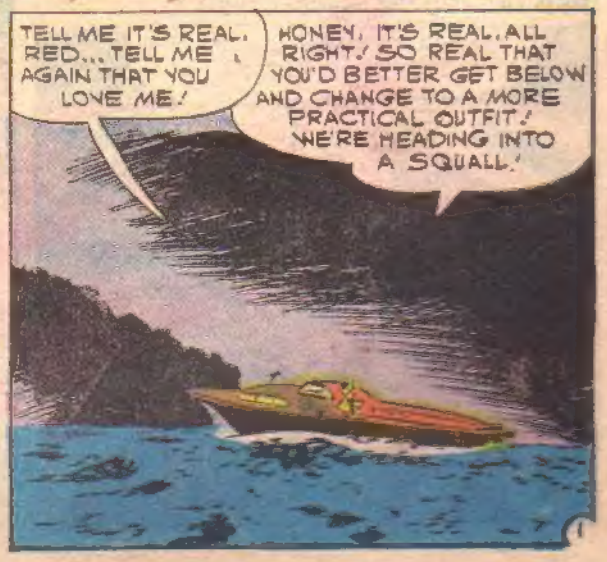
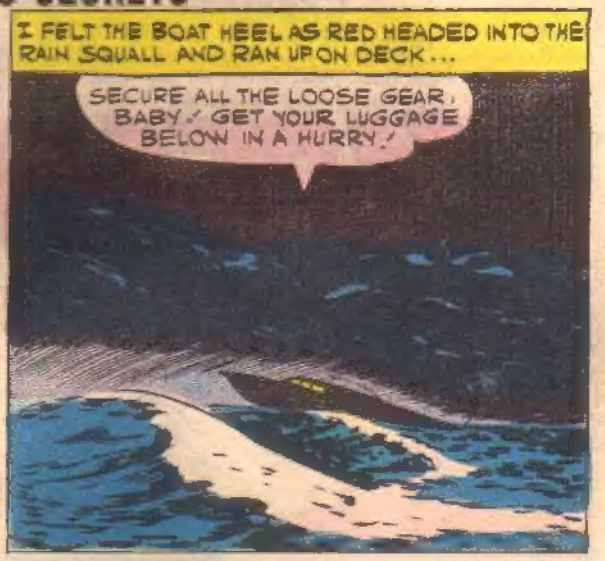
IT WAS OVER... WE'D GOTTEN THE LICENSE WHILE I WAS STILL IN A CLOUD OF ROMANCE... THE WAITING PERIOD WAS CROWDED WITH PARTIES THROWN BY RED'S NUMBERLESS FRIENDS... AND THE MARRIAGE SEEMED TO BE PART OF THE SAME HAZY, WONDERFUL DREAM...

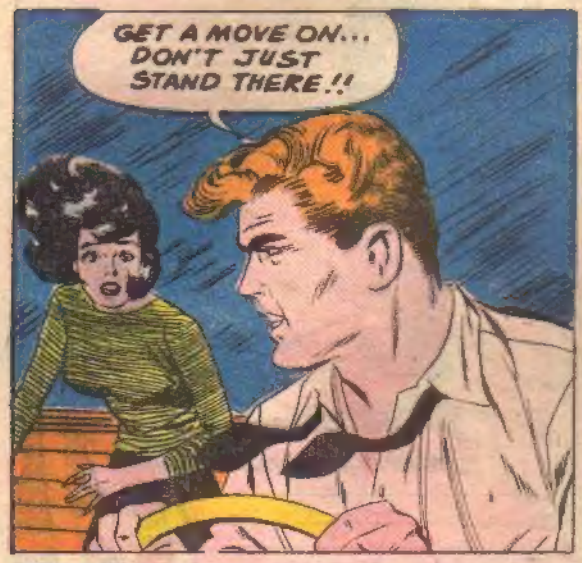
The CAPTAIN'S MATE



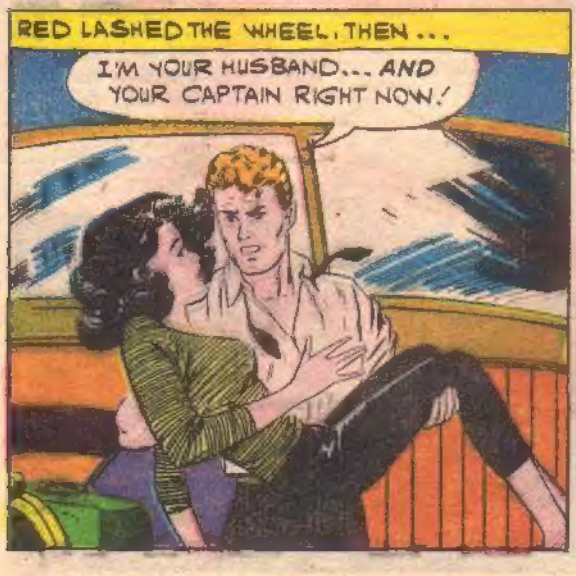

TELL ME IT'S REAL, RED... TELL ME AGAIN THAT YOU LOVE ME!
HONEY, IT'S REAL. ALL RIGHT! SO REAL THAT YOU'D BETTER GET BELOW AND CHANGE TO A MORE PRACTICAL OUTFIT! WE'RE HEADING INTO A SQUALL!

THREE WEEKS AGO, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW RED COCHRAN! NOW... I'M MRS. RED COCHRAN! AND HAPPIER THAN I KNEW ANYONE COULD BE!


I FELT THE BOAT HEEL AS RED HEADED INTO THE RAIN SQUALL AND RAN UP ON DECK...
SECURE ALL THE LOOSE GEAR, BABY! GET YOUR LUGGAGE BELOW IN A HURRY!

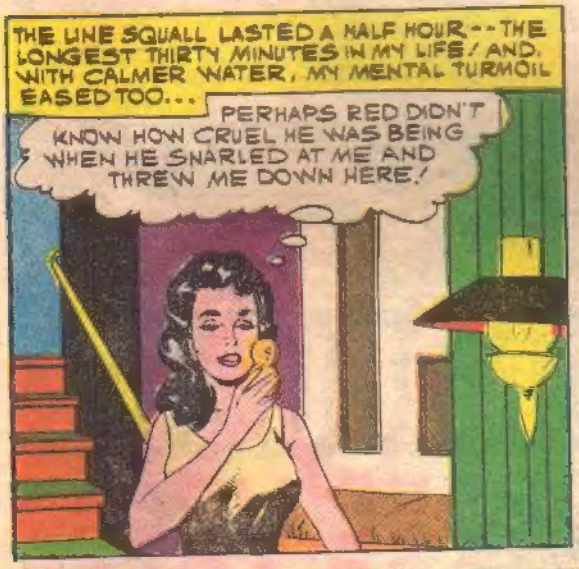

GET A MOVE ON... DON'T JUST STAND THERE!!

YOU'LL LOSE ALL YOUR THINGS IF YOU DON'T STOW THEM! MOVE!
DON'T YOU YELL AT ME, RED COCHRAN! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?


RED LASHED THE WHEEL. THEN...
I'M YOUR HUSBAND... AND YOUR CAPTAIN RIGHT NOW!

STAY PUT TILL I TELL YOU TO COME UP ON DECK!

I'VE MADE A MISTAKE... RED DOESN'T LOVE ME...HE COULDN'T AND YELL AT ME THE WAY HE DID! BUT I'LL STICK TO MY BARGAIN... I'LL TRY TO BE A GOOD WIFE ANYHOW!


THE LINE SQUALL LASTED A HALF HOUR--THE LONGEST THIRTY MINUTES IN MY LIFE! AND, WITH CALMER WATER, MY MENTAL TURMOIL EASED TOO...
PERHAPS RED DIDN'T KNOW HOW CRUEL HE WAS BEING WHEN HE SNARLED AT ME AND THREW ME DOWN HERE!

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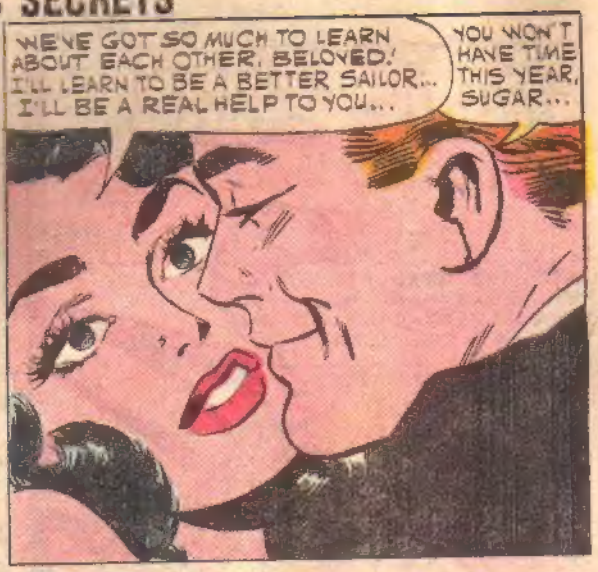
YES, CAPTAIN?
TAKE THE WHEEL FOR A WHILE, WILL YOU? I'VE GOT TO GO BELOW...
I WAS LOADED WITH SELF-PITY...TEARS BLINDED ME SO THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE THE SKY WAS CLEAR AND THE STORM WAS PAST...
TURN AROUND, CINDY... LOOK AT ME!
I'M SORRY, MY DARLING...SORRY THAT YOU CRIED!
OH, RED...
I'M SUCH A FOOL, RED!

SUDDENLY, I DISCOVERED THE BEAUTY OF THE NIGHT... AND I REDISCOVERED THE DEPTH OF MY LOVE FOR MY HUSBAND OF A FEW HOURS...
I HAD TO DO WHAT I DID, DARLING! IT WAS DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO BE ON DECK!
I KNOW, RED! AND I WAS GETTING HYSTERICAL! YOU WERE RIGHT...


WE'VE GOT SO MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER, BELOVED! I'LL LEARN TO BE A BETTER SAILOR... I'LL BE A REAL HELP TO YOU...
YOU WON'T HAVE TIME THIS YEAR, SUGAR...

THIS FISHING BOAT IS JUST A PROFITABLE HOBBY FOR ME, HONEY! I'M A REAL ESTATE AGENT... DAD AND I ARE PARTNERS... FROM MARCH THROUGH SEPTEMBER IN THE CATSKILLS IN NEW YORK...

OH, RED... AND I WAS GOING TO SHARE A ROMANTIC LIFE OF POVERTY WITH YOU!

WE'LL BE PRETTY WELL FIXED, HONEY... UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO QUIT REAL ESTATE AND RUN THIS BOAT ALL YEAR! THEN YOU WILL STARVE!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MY CAPTAIN! YOU GIVE THE ORDERS... I'LL OBEY!

END

TOO SHY

MATT, WASN'T SHY ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD...IN THE CLASSROOMS WHERE HE EXCELLED...OR WITH OTHER GIRLS! BUT WITH ME HE WAS...

THE BRACELET IS SUP-POSED TO HAVE MY NAME AND YOUR NAME ON IT... I'LL GET THEM TOMORROW! THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I KNEW TO TELL YOU, MARIE ...I LOVE YOU!
I LOVE YO
END

UNSURE OF HIMSELF

JIM COULD NEVER MAKE HIS MIND UP ABOUT ANYTHING EXCEPT THE WAY HE FELT ABOUT ME...

I LOVE YOU, DARLING...

HE'D ALWAYS BEEN PATHETICALLY UNCERTAIN...

I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH MY LIFE...I DON'T KNOW WHAT COURSES TO TAKE!

TAKE THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE JIM!

AFTER GRADUATION, JIM WAS STILL UNSURE OF THINGS...

ARE YOU GOING TO COLLEGE, JIM?

I DON'T KNOW... I WISH I COULD MAKE UP MY MIND..

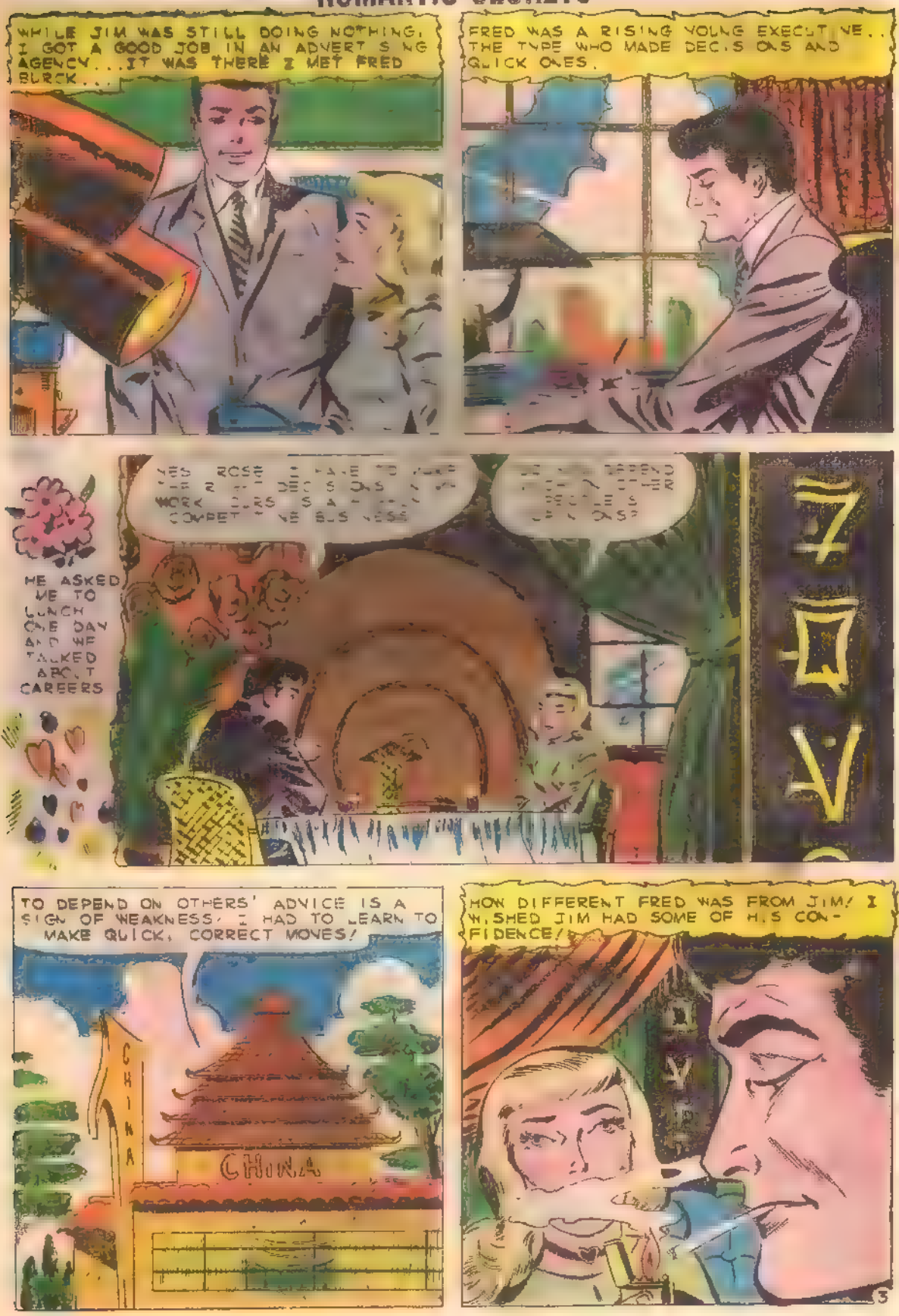
JIM, YOU JUST CAN'T GO THROUGH LIFE BEING SO UNCERTAIN...
THAT'S ONE REASON I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, ROSE...YOU HELP ME MAKE UP MY MIND...

HOW CAN I ADVISE YOU ABOUT AN IMPORTANT THING LIKE COLLEGE? BESIDES YOUR FATHER WOULD TAKE YOU INTO HIS FACTORY IF YOU WANTED...WHAT DOES HE SAY ABOUT IT?

DAD WANTS ME TO GO TO WORK ALL RIGHT AND I LIKE THE BUSINESS WORLD...

LOOK, JIM YOU HAVE TO START MAKING YOUR OWN DECISIONS SOONER OR LATER ...WE'VE TALKED ABOUT GETTING MARRIED... DO I HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION, TOO?

I GUESS I HAVE TO THINK EVERYTHING OVER, ROSE...


WHILE JIM WAS STILL DOING NOTHING, I GOT A GOOD JOB IN AN ADVERTISING AGENCY...IT WAS THERE I MET FRED BURCK...
FRED WAS A RISING YOUNG EXECUTIVE.. THE TYPE WHO MADE DECISIONS AND QUICK ONES.
HE ASKED ME TO LUNCH ONE DAY AND WE TALKED ABOUT CAREERS
TO DEPEND ON OTHERS' ADVICE IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS! I HAD TO LEARN TO MAKE QUICK, CORRECT MOVES!
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HOW DIFFERENT FRED WAS FROM JIM! I WISHED JIM HAD SOME OF HIS CONFIDENCE!
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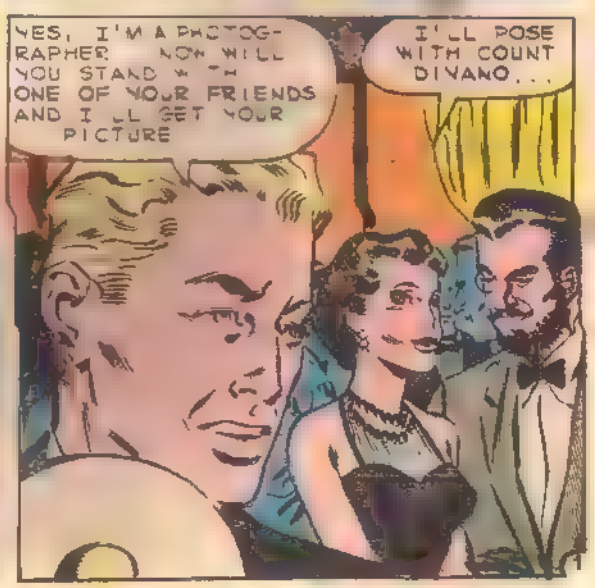
I WAS GLAD WHEN JIM FINALLY STARTED IN HIS FATHER'S FACTORY...BUT HE WAS STILL FUMBLING AND VAGUE
YOU MUST GIVE YOURSELF MORE TIME/ YOU'LL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT WHEN YOU LEARN YOUR DUTIES BETTER.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT YOU'RE ALWAYS RIGHT ROSE
AT WORK THE NEXT DAY FRED WANTED
SETTLED WE'RE GOING
PICNIC TOMORROW SATURDAY...
I HAVE A DATE WITH SOMEONE TOMORROW.
OH, BREAK IT/ I'VE MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PICNIC AND..
I CAN'T BREAK A DATE FRED YOU NEVER CONSULTED ME ON IT ANYWAY...
WELL, ALL RIGHT.. NICE TRY...
I SUDDENLY REALIZED FRED WAS TOO DIFFERENT FROM JIM/ FRED WAS SO SURE OF HIMSELF HE EXPECTED EVERYONE TO SEE THINGS AS HE DID

WHEN I SAW JIM AGAIN HE WAS HAPPIER AND MORE RELAXED...
DARLING, I'M BEGINNING TO LIKE MY JOB...I THINK DAD IS PLEASED AT HOW I'VE TAKEN HOLD!
I KNOW NOW WHAT I WANT TO DO , BUT I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR TO CONSULT YOU FROM TIME TO TIME...
NEVER STOP DISCUSSING THINGS WITH ME...
ROSE, LET'S GET MARRIED VERY SOON!
YOU HAVE CHANGED, DARLING!
JIM, DON'T CHANGE TOO MUCH...REMEMBER I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU THE WAY YOU WERE!
HUSH, SWEETHEART--DON'T TALK!
END

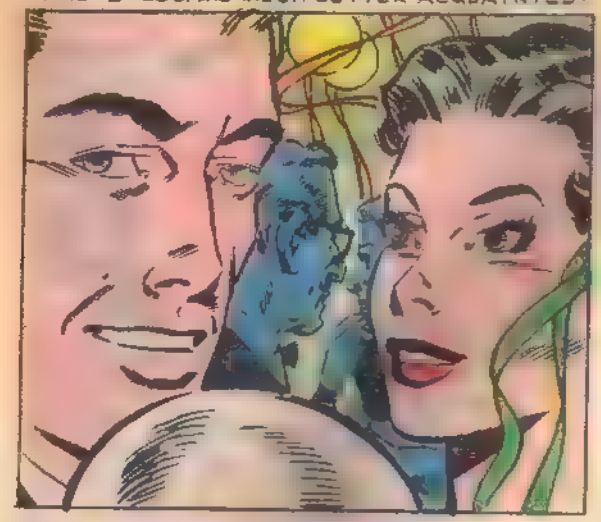
LIKE MANY YOUNG NEWLY-WEDS, FRED AND I FOUND WE STILL HAD A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER --AND NOT ALL OF IT WAS GOOD/
BELOW MY STANDARDS
MY MARRIAGE IS A FAILURE/ WHAT A MISTAKE I'VE MADE/

WHEN I FIRST MET FRED PARKER HE WAS JUST ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPHER HIRED TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE GUESTS AT A PARTY MOTHER GAVE FOR ME...
YOU'RE A NEW ONE FROM THE JOURNAL?


YES, I'M A PHOTOG-RAPHER NOW WILL YOU STAND WITH ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND I'LL GET YOUR PICTURE
I'LL POSE WITH COUNT DIVANO...

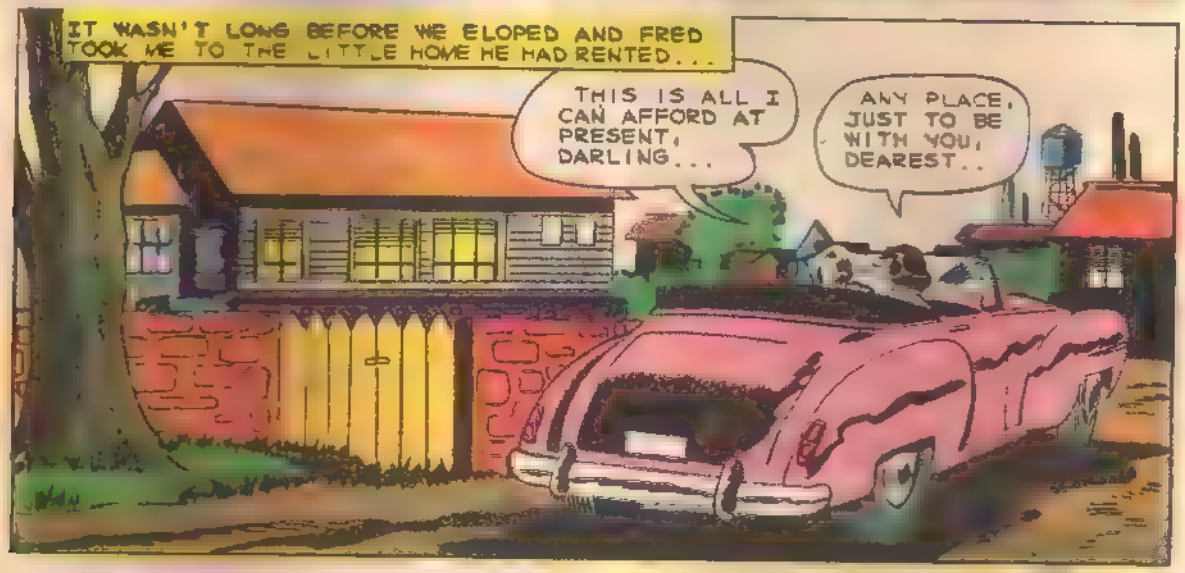
HAVE YOU EVER PHOTOGRAPHED SOCIETY BEFORE, MR PARKER?
NO...I'M NEW AT THIS BUT IT'S A LOT LIKE MY LAST JOB, MISS KANE... ONLY NOT AS INTERESTING!
AREN'T YOU BEING IMPERTINENT?
WELL, A LITTLE...
AREN'T YOU IMPRESSED BY MY WEALTHY GUESTS?
ONLY BY THEIR MONEY--NOT BY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE IT!
YOU KNOW I COULD REPORT YOU TO YOUR EDITOR FOR THESE REMARKS, BUT I WON'T...
NO? WHAT STOPS YOU?
BECAUSE THESE AFFAIRS ARE RATHER LUDICROUS ...I'VE THOUGHT SO FOR SOME TIME... WILL YOU COME AGAIN?
I'M GOING TO THE ARMBRUSTER'S PARTY...I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE THERE?
YES, I WILL... GOODBYE.

AT THE PARTY THE NEXT NIGHT, FRED AND I BECAME MUCH BETTER ACQUAINTED/

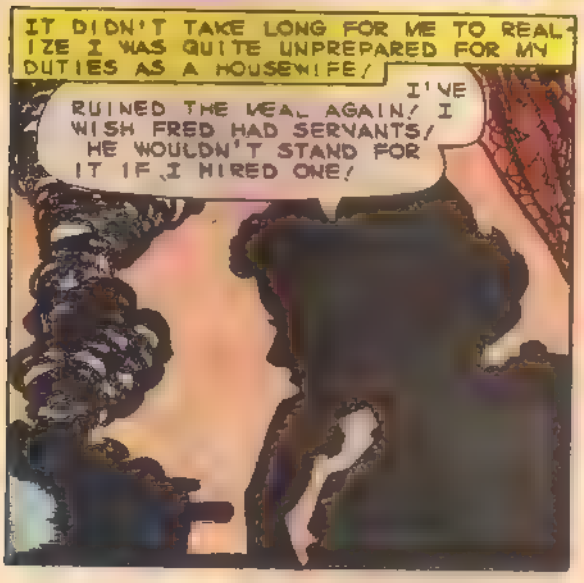


SOON WE WERE DATING/ MY SO-CALLED FRIENDS DISAPPROVED BUT I DIDN'T CARE BECAUSE FRED AND I FELL IN LOVE/

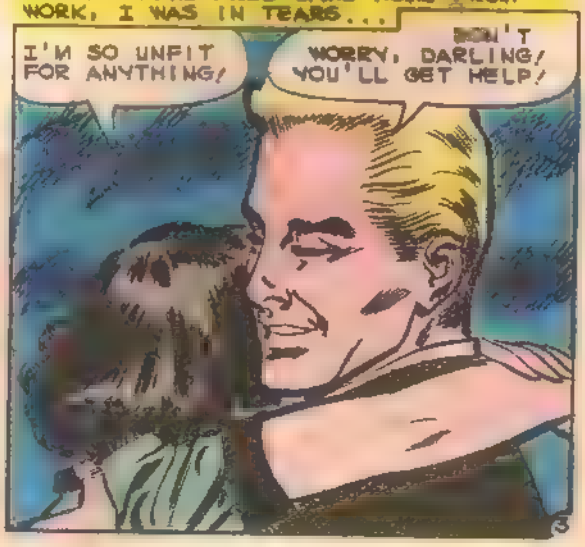
IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE WE ELOPED AND FRED TOOK ME TO THE LITTLE HOME HE HAD RENTED...



IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR ME TO REALIZE I WAS QUITE UNPREPARED FOR MY DUTIES AS A HOUSEWIFE/



BY THE TIME FRED CAME HOME FROM WORK, I WAS IN TEARS...



CHARLTON COMICS GIVE YOU MORE!

FRED HAD LIVED BEFORE IN THIS SECTION AND KNEW SEVERAL OF THE WOMEN, WIVES OF LABORERS...
THIS IS MRS. PEARSON WHO WILL HELP YOU GET STARTED, DEAR
PLEASED TO MEET YOU...
NOW I WAS IN THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN WHO MY PEOPLE WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE BEEN AS SERVANTS! AND I WAS CHARMED BY THEM!
NOW, COOKING IS EASY. FIRST, LEARN TO COOK THE SIMPLE THINGS.
THE OTHER WOMEN SHOWED ME HOW TO SEW AND CLEAN HOUSE, AND BUY WITH CARE...
MEATS
IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I FOUND MYSELF DOING BETTER.
WHEN FRED RECEIVED AN INCREASE IN PAY, HE THOUGHT I'D WANT TO MOVE..
THESE PEOPLE ARE MY FRIENDS, FRED ...I WON'T LEAVE THEM NOW!
I'D LEARNED THE TRUE VALUES OF LIFE AND I NEVER CARED AGAIN FOR THE PHONY LIFE I HAD ONCE!
END

TALK IT OVER

For five months you and Bill have gone out together. First it was just one date a week. Then it became two dates a week. Last month you began to see each other four times a week. There was what is known as an "understanding" between both of you. This week he takes you up to meet the "family". He doesn't need an excuse. Seems that once a month the relatives get together. They have some kind of a family group. So you will meet his mother, father, single sister, married sister, his four uncles, their wives, their children, a couple of first cousins and some other distant relatives.

In some families the "relative groups" are what the sociologist call "weak". Not much contact is maintained by the various members. Not even in time of trouble. In other families, the "relative groups" are very strong. When an important decision is to be made, they get together. They discuss all problems as though these affairs were their own personal problems. If the nephew is going to college, it becomes a family discussion. If one of the Uncles has a hard time in business and needs a loan, the family group get together.

It happens that Bill has a strong "relative group". They all want to see you. They are going to give you the "Once Over." In fact after you leave, there will be a big discussion about how they all like "Bill's Girl." Who knows what they will say behind your back? In fact you may never find out a lot of things.

Aunt Emma may feel that Bill is a bit too young to get married. Not that she has anything against you, but wouldn't it be better if Bill waited at least two years more? Then he would be earning more money. Uncle John wants to know more about you. Are you the kind of a girl that can live within a given family budget? Will you make heavy demands upon Bill for the various luxuries you might want? Can you cook? Aunt Cecila doesn't like the way you wear your hair. Somebody should tell you about it. In fact she has made up her mind. The only reason she doesn't mention it, is that something else takes place and she forgets. Then Aunt Frances has her two cents to add to the discussion. .

What about the other girl that Bill went out with last year? Why did they break off? She compares you in detail to a girl called Helen. The total score seems to favor Helen and not you. In fact Aunt Frances is very much annoyed. She can't see what in the world Bill sees in you. Bill's mother and father do not have a chance to put in their own opinions. The family group breaks up and everybody goes home.

It is very simple for you to say that you are marrying Bill — and not his family. Legally and morally this is true. Both in our law and ethics a woman shall cling to her husband as against the whole world. And the husband shall likewise do the same. That means in any scale of consideration the wife comes first, and the husband comes first.

Unfortunately it is much easier to say this than to put it into practice. We start with the assumption that normally you are a girl that is nice to people. Why? Because that's the way you are. But if Bill tells you to be "nice" to Uncle John because he is a very important person, that is sort of going to jar you. You want to be nice — because you are, and not because somebody is going to tell you to do so. Now you may be in for a shocker.

You know that Bill has a job as an assistant manager of a store and that he earns $110.00 a week. The two of you can manage to live on his salary. Whether you will continue to work or not, hasn't as yet been decided. But you didn't know that he worked for his Uncle Lewis. You didn't meet Uncle Lewis because he was out of town on an important business deal.

This is something for you to ponder over and over in your mind. Your husband works for a relative. How secure is his job? Does it depend upon him being "nice" to the Uncle and the Uncle's wife? Can the other members of the family interfere and have their little something to say to Uncle Lewis about this job? We have a situation known in America: When the boss and his wife come to dinner. Of course you will be on your "best" and you want to make a good impression.

But with Uncle Lewis this situation can be entirely different. If he doesn't like you, what happens? If his wife doesn't like you, what happens? Does it mean also that you have to "cater" to them for the rest of your life? This is something you didn't plan on. For then your life and happiness may be bound up with the life and activities of Uncle Lewis. Believe me, it could even be worse. How would you feel if you discovered that your husband-to-be works for his father?

If the father and mother of Bill like you, this could look fine. But then again, does it mean that you will have to "cater" to them?

For some eleven years Ellen and Mike have been married. Ellen hasn't been very happy about the economic set-up because Mike has been working for his father. He finally left and took another job. This much I do know for I recently spoke to her: She feels much freer in what she can do and say in the presence of his parents.

At this point you may protest and say very simply that you are marrying Bill and not his family. Correct, but if you are all going to live within a visiting of commuting area, you will find a lot of problems arising. Of course, you and Bill may go to Hawaii or to Japan and be all by yourself. Then when you come back to the United States once every five years, it will be wonderful and thrilling to all be together again.

One problem that may arise can be concerned with the sister of Bill who married a very rich man and enjoys "showing off" at your expense. She may be like the sister of Jim, who remarked to Jim's wife: "Well, for what you can afford to spend, I guess it really isn't a bad buy." These remarks are what the women call "digs." If they arise, you have to be prepared to meet them and to reply intelligently and without any emotional outburst. On the other hand, the sister can take an entirely different method of still making her "digs."

Bob's sister happens to be a very big money earner. She is a famous fashion designer. Bob doesn't earn very much. The sister is always buying presents for Bob's house. This sort of chokes the wife. I guess it all depends upon how it is done. From what I gather the sister likes to play the role of the "big dame with the bankroll."

You and Bill get married and live in a small house in the suburbs. Then comes the big surprise. His sister, the single one, gets a job with a store in that little town. Should she waste two and a half hours a day travelling to work? What about that spare room you have upstairs?

This can turn into a battle royal. You can be called the mean one and a lot of other names. Fundamentally, you and your husband have a right to live your own lives provided you don't interfere with others or do anything wrong. Well, what about the sister? If she comes to live with you, you will find you won't be yourself. At first she will be deeply appreciative, but after a while she will act as though it were coming to her. There isn't much you can do about this, because this is fundamentally human nature.

You see, in fiction, the story ends when the hero takes the girl in his arms, kisses her and tells her he wants to marry her. No more problems because after that on the bottom you find the word "End." But in real life, after you marry the guy, you two are going to have a lot of problems. You will notice I hardly mentioned the "mother-in-law" angle to our situation. This I am leaving for a future article. Because the attitude towards the mother-in-law has changed in the last quarter of a century.

Here is a good sound rule to follow: You and your husband should talk over alone situations when they arise. Do not permit anyone to surprise you! If they had the chance to think it out, and talk it over, then surely you two should have the same right. Maybe the sister-in-law who comes right up to your front door with all her luggage to stay for a couple of years does surely deserve what happens to her in a good fiction story.

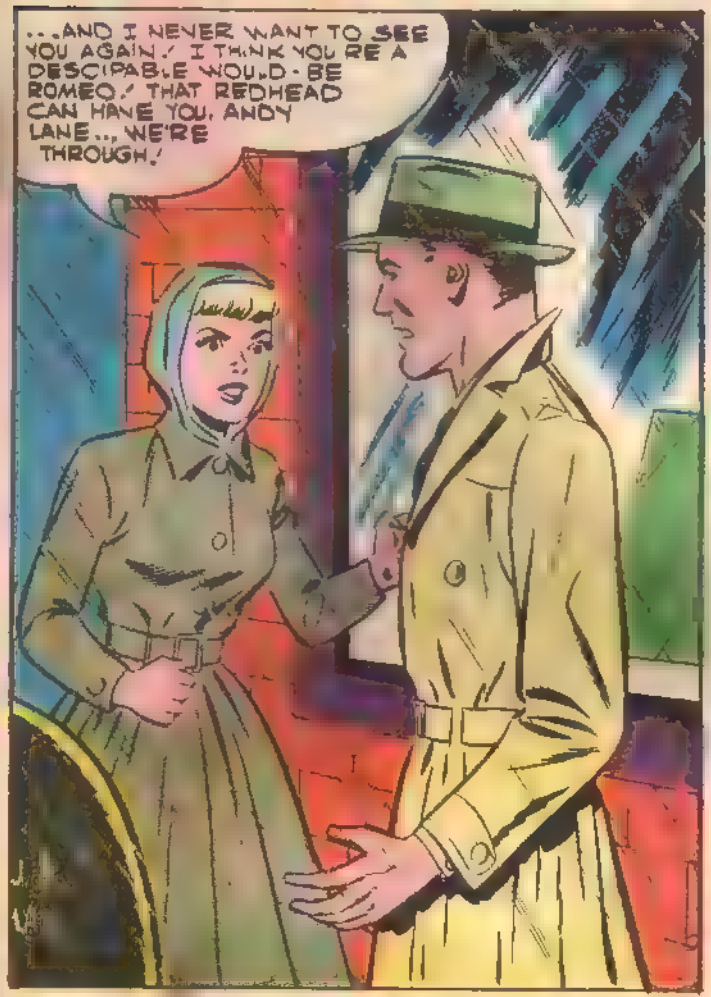
Recently a friend of ours remarked: "Why don't you tell the young married brides of all the troubles that begin when their husbands lend money to relatives?" To this, I answered. "Money seems tight today. Who has any to lend?"

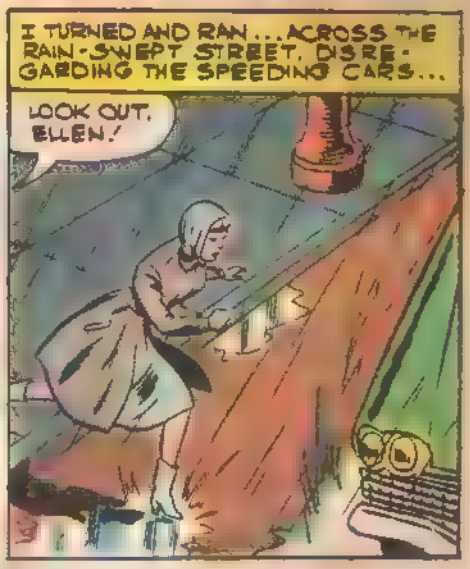
— THE END —

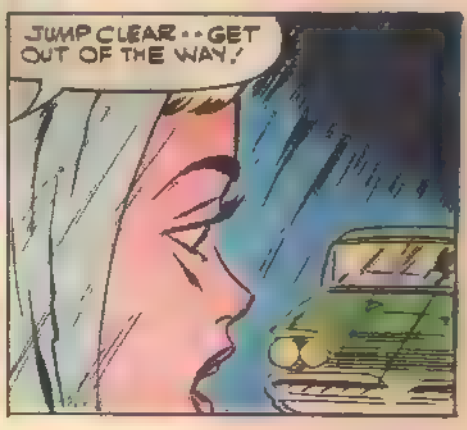
CHARLTON COMICS GIVE YOU MORE!

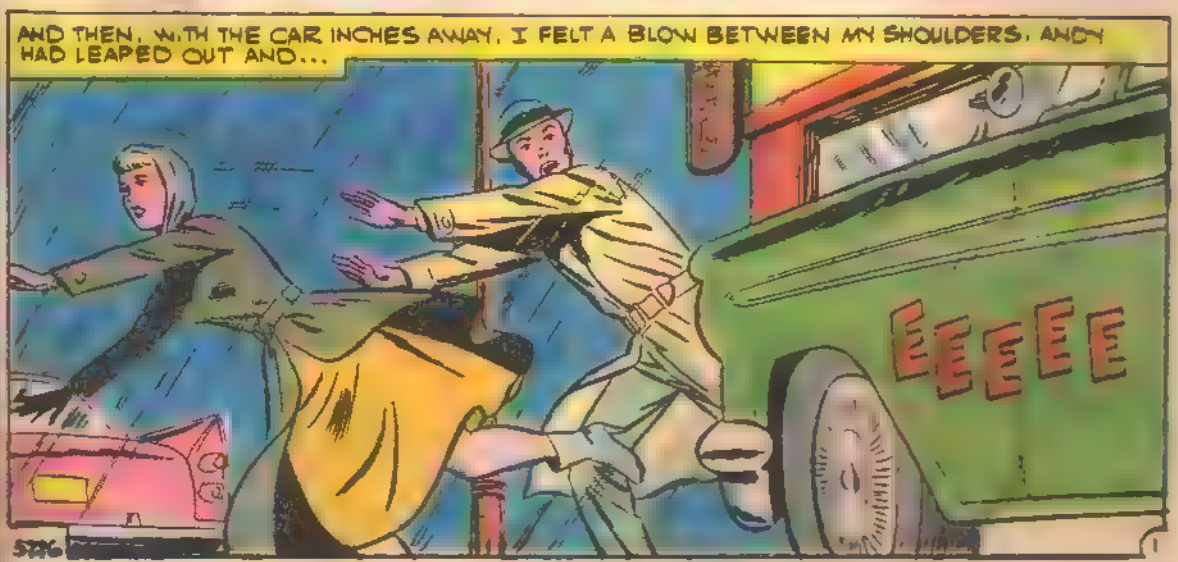
The PARTING

I GLARED AT HIM... I KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE OTHER GIRL HE'D DATED IN HIS OFFICE... AND FOR THAT MOMENT I KNEW PURE HATRED...


...AND I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I THINK YOU'RE A DESCIPABLE WOULD-BE ROMEO! THAT REDHEAD CAN HAVE YOU, ANDY LANE... WE'RE THROUGH!







THAT GUY SAVED THE LADY... BUT HE GOT HIT HIMSELF!
I GUESS HE RAN AS HE SAW ANDY'S SIDE... I DIDN'T TRY TO MOVE HIM... IT MIGHT INJURE HIM FURTHER..
AN AMBULANCE IS COMING... STEP BACK, DON'T MOVE THE VICTIM!
OH, ANDY, I'M SO SORRY... IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
...IS HE RELATED, LADY? IS HE YOUR HUSBAND?
NO... BUT I'LL MARRY HIM ANY TIME HE ASKS ME!
DID I HEAR R GHT, HONEY? DID YOU SAY...
I SAID I'D MARRY YOU, DARLING... I LOVE YOU, I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU! I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT REDHEAD ANY MORE.
FORGIVE ME, MY DARLING!
ANDY WAS QUICKLY TAKEN TO THE AMBULANCE AND RUSHED TO HOSPITAL FOR HIM TO BE EXAMINED AND RELEASED! THEN, HE PROPOSED FORMALLY AND...
YES, ANDY, I'LL MARRY YOU..
END

THE NECKLACE

I WAS IN LOVE WITH DON...BUT I CONCEALED MY FEELING / FOR I HAD NO IDEA HOW HE FELT ABOUT ME!
MOTHER'S PARTY IS A SUCCESS, CECILIE!
WHY DID SHE PLAN THE PARTY, DON? OR DOES YOUR MOTHER JUST ORGANIZE AN AFFAIR LIKE THIS FOR NO GOOD REASON?
I'VE GOT SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO WEAR, DARLING.
DON, THE NECKLACE IS LOVELY BUT YOUR MOTHER IS A SOCIETY QUEEN AND I AM FROM A POOR FAMILY I... OH, DARLING!
I'M SO HAPPY ABOUT DON AND
DON JUST GAVE CECILIE THE
YOU GAVE ME WHEN YOU PROPOSED
ANNOUNCE THEIR ENGAGEMENT TONIGHT. JUST AS I PLANNED!
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SWEETHEART PRIZES JUST FOR YOU!

HERE'S ALL YOU DO!

1. JUST CUT OFF THE RED CORNER AND CDC FROM THE FRONT COVER!
2. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PAGE!

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#105 "DIAL I FOR LOVE COMPACT"

YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER •

GOLD PLATED •

200 CORNERS AND NO MONEY
OR
1 CORNER AND $1.00
(ADD 5¢ EXTRA FOR CANADA)

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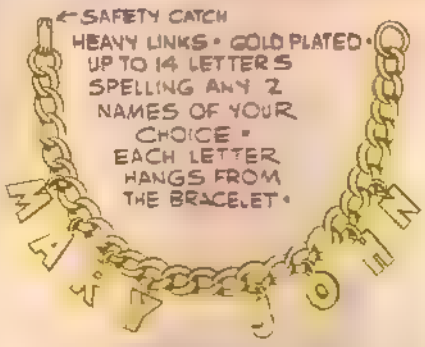
SAFETY CATCH
HEAVY LINKS • GOLD PLATED •
UP TO 14 LETTERS SPELLING ANY 2 NAMES OF YOUR CHOICE •
EACH LETTER HANGS FROM THE BRACELET •

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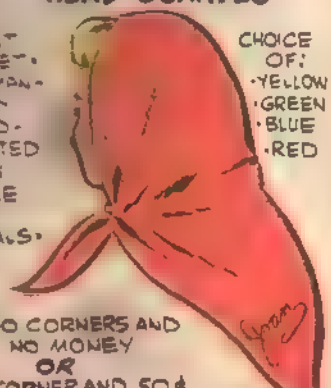

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CHOICE OF:
• YELLOW
• GREEN
• BLUE
• RED

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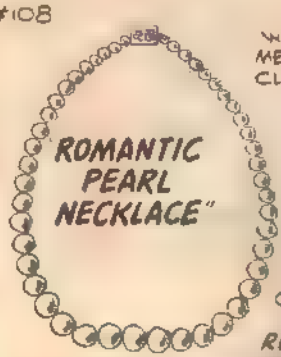

WHITE METAL CLASP

ALL THE GLEAM OF REAL PEARLS!

50 CORNERS AND NO MONEY
OR
1 CORNER AND 25¢
(ADD 5¢ EXTRA FOR CANADA)

#109 "SWEETHEARTS PERSONALIZED SILK SCARF"

YOUR NAME ON RED, BLUE, YELLOW, OR WHITE SILK

70 CORNERS AND NO MONEY
OR
1 CORNER AND 35¢
(ADD 5¢ EXTRA FOR CANADA)

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CHARLTON JACKPOT
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PALISADES PARK, N.J.

SEND NO STAMPS
(INSERT PRIZE NUMBER)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

I WANT PRIZE NO. _____ I AM ENCLOSING $ _____

AND (OR) _____ CORNERS

CHARLTON COMICS GIVE YOU MORE

BULLDOZERS AND MOONLIGHT

GOIN' OUT TO GIVE THE GIRLS A BREAK, EH TODD? DON'T GET SERIOUS W TH ANY OF THEM...WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE OUR STAR ENGINEER!
NO CHANCE OF THAT! THERE ISN'T A PRE-SENTABLE FEMALE IN THIS TOWN!
5700
YOU CRYIN', KAY? DID YOU HURT YOURSELF?
YOU HEARD TODD! THERE'S NOT A PRESEN-TABLE FEMALE IN TOWN, HE SAID!
WELL, HE'S RIGHT! WE'VE LOOKED, WE NEVER FOUND ANY!

WHAT AM I, YOU LAMBRAIN, A MARTIAN?
DON'T GET SO SHOOK/ YOU'RE OUR SISTER, NOT A REGULAR GIRL/
WHOA, KAY, DON'T BELT HIM/ JAKE, YOU NUT, KAY IS RIGHT/ SHE'S A GIRL...MOM USED TO SAY SHE WAS DARNED PRETTY, COME TO THINK OF IT/
YOU DON'T EVEN OWN A DRESS ANY MORE, KAY/ OR ANY OF THE FEMALE GEWGAWS OTHER GIRLS HAVE/ WHY NOT? WE'RE NOT POOR BY A LONG SHOT/
I'VE BEEN TOO BUSY/ COOKING/ DRIVING A TRUCK/ THEN A STEAM SHOVEL/
AND NOW I'M A BULL-DOZER JOCKEY/ PLUS HOUSE-CLEANING, COOKING AND RUN-NING THIS HOUSE/ HOW CAN I FIX MYSELF UP?
ALL RIGHT, KAY, WE SEE THE POINT/ TAKE THE REST OF THE WEEK OFF... USE THE JEEP AND GET THE STUFF YOU WANT/
BUZZ, IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, HOW MUCH HAVE I EARNED?
ABOUT NINE THOUSAND PLUS YOUR SHARE OF COMPANY PROFITS/ YOU'VE GOT A CHECKBOOK, SPEND IT ALL/ WE'RE DOING FINE THIS YEAR/
SINCE MOM HAD DIED, I'D WATCHED THE HOUSE, TAKEN HER PLACE...NOW, I WAS MAKING NEW PLANS ...PLANS I KNEW SHE'D APPROVE/
MOM, I'M THE ONLY GIRL YOU HAD--I KNOW YOU'D FEEL BADLY IF I DIDN'T DO AS YOU DID, GET MARRIED AND RAISE A FAMILY/
2

I RODE TO TOWN WITH TODD THE NEXT DAY IN A COMPANY JEEP...TODD WAS PRACTICALLY INDIFFERENT TO ME ALL THE WAY!

YOU LOOK LIKE THE CANARY-STUFFED CAT THIS MORNING, TODD!

I MET A FEMALE LAST NIGHT, KAY! I WAS WRONG ABOUT GIRLS IN THIS TOWN...

ALL RIGHT, DON'T JUMP! I'LL STOP! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME MEETING A GIRL?

NOT A THING, YOU CONCEITED APE! GOOD-BYE!

SCREEC-H

I HAD PLANS...THEY WERE BIG ONES TOO! MY FIRST STOP WAS AT A CAR AGENCY!

YOU WANT IT TODAY? WELL, I...ALL RIGHT, MISS BEATON, IT WILL BE READY!

NEXT, I WENT TO THE BEST WOMAN'S STORE IN TOWN...

KAY, YOU'LL BE A KNOCK-OUT! LET ME HELP YOU...I'LL GO OVER TO THE BEAUTY PARLOR WITH YOU! COME ON!

THERE WAS A LOT TO BE DONE...BUT I HAD A BIG CREW WORKING!

THIS IS SILLY...BUT, IF IT'S WHAT I HAVE TO DO, I'LL DO IT!

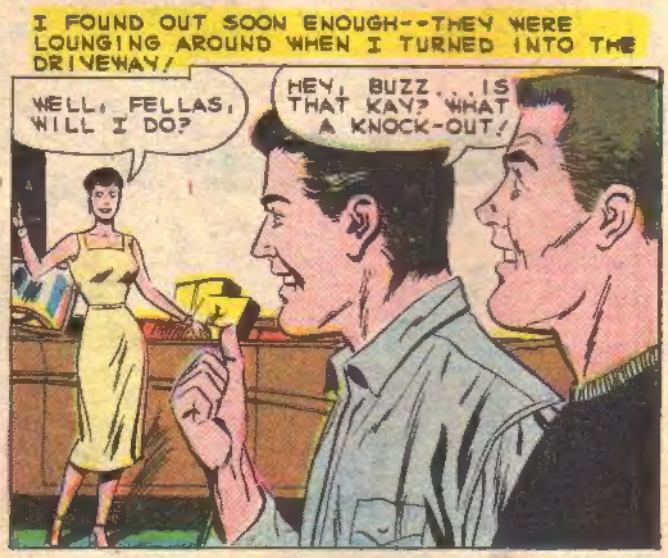
IT TOOK SEVERAL HOURS OF BACK-BREAKING WORK, BUT AT LAST, I WAS SATISFIED...

YOU'RE RAVISHING, KAY! HEY, HEY, LOOK! HERE COMES THAT ENGINEER, TODD! I HEAR HE'S A LADIES' MAN...I WANT TO WATCH HIM GIVE YOU THE EYE!

JOE

I'M DREAMING! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE A GIRL LIKE HER IN THIS TOWN!
SCREECH
UH...MISS... DON'T I KNOW YOU?
WITH THAT APPROACH, FRIEND, YOU NEVER WILL!

I'D CHANGED...THE CLOTHES AND PAINT AND POWDER HAD DONE MORE FOR ME INSIDE THAT IT HAD EXTERNALLY! I WAS A NEW WOMAN!
TODD LOOKED SO STUPID CREEPING UP ON ME BACK THERE! I WONDER WHAT BUZZ AND THE OTHERS WILL THINK!


I FOUND OUT SOON ENOUGH--THEY WERE LOUNGING AROUND WHEN I TURNED INTO THE DRIVEWAY!
WELL, FELLAS, WILL I DO?
HEY, BUZZ...IS THAT KAY? WHAT A KNOCK-OUT!

I DON'T WANT THAT EGOTISTICAL CASANOVA ANYWHERE NEAR ME! BEFORE I COMBED MY HAIR AND DISCOVERED LIPSTICK, HE TREATED ME LIKE A ZOMBIE! AND THAT'S THE WAY I'LL TREAT HIM FROM NOW ON!

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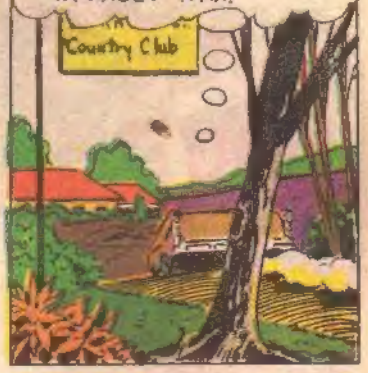
THE BOYS HAD A NICE FAT HIGHWAY CONTRACT ...I HADN'T REALLY BEEN NEEDED, SO AFTER STRAIGHTENING UP THE HOUSE, I DRESSED AND HEADED FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB... NEAR WHERE THEY WORKED!

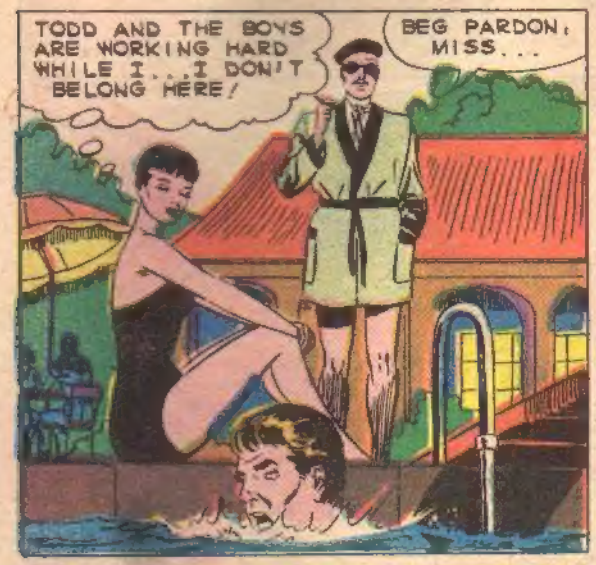
I DROVE TO THE COUNTRY CLUB...

I ALMOST STOPPED THE CAR TO TALK TO TODD! IT WOULD'VE BEEN A MISTAKE...BUT ALL OF THIS IS MEANINGLESS WITHOUT HIM!



TODD AND THE BOYS ARE WORKING HARD WHILE I...I DON'T BELONG HERE!

BEG PARDON, MISS...



I DON'T KNOW YOU! SCRAM!

TUT, TUT, DEAR LADY! WE DON'T TALK THAT WAY AROUND HERE! WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!

I'D ALREADY THOUGHT OF THAT...SO I SIMMERED DOWN AND TRIED TO GET HIM TO LEAVE NICELY!

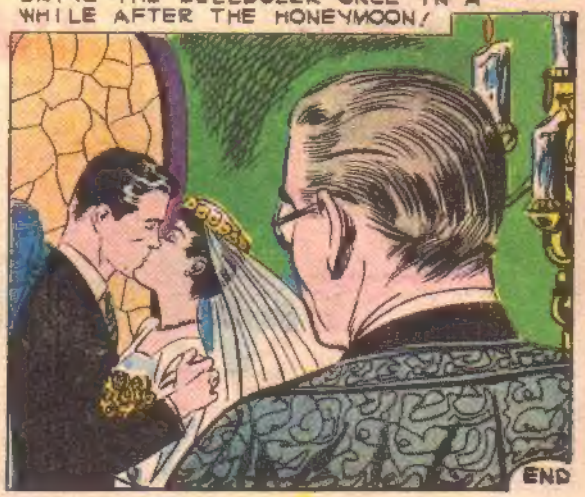
YOU ARE LOVELY, MY DEAR! YOU ARE THE ONLY PRESENTABLE FEMALE IN THIS TOWN!

SAY THAT ONCE MORE, I'LL...GET OUT OF HERE!

A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE YOU MUST BE ENGAGED...OR MARRIED! YOU DO HAVE A BEAU?

Y-YES, A BIG ENGINEER! HE'LL BREAK YOU IN HALF IF I TELL HIM YOU ANNOYED ME! LET ME ALONE.... PLEASE?

HE DIDN'T TELL ME... HE DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY WARNING BEFORE HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS... AND I FELT HIS LIPS MEET MINE AT LAST!

DARLING, I WAS A FOOL TO IGNORE YOU FOR SO LONG BUT...
DON'T APOLOGIZE NOW, TODD! I LOOKED LIKE A FRUMP... I DESERVED TO BE TREATED LIKE ONE!

THE FOLLOWING JUNE, WE WERE MARRIED...AND TODD PROMISED TO LET ME DRIVE THE BULLDOZER ONCE IN A WHILE AFTER THE HONEYMOON!